OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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St. George Mission 1881-

Our Lady of Lourdes 534 N. Wood Street Gibson City, IL 60936

Immaculate Conception Church 202 E Green Roberts, IL 60962

February 26, 2012 First Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

We welcome all our visitors and friends to our Parish. We are glad that you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please call (217) 784-4671, or stop by at the Parish office at any time.

Rev. John Pha Rev. Mr. Jeff Vo		Pastor Deacon				
Director of Rel. Education: Director of Youth Ministry: Musicians: Parish Council President:		Alyce Hafer Bruce Killian Michele Fackler Corey Fields Matt Doran (O.L.L.)				
For Confession:	By appointmen At Our Lady of	t–any time Lourdes: Saturday - 4:30 p.m.				
For Baptism:	Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Baptismal instruction for the parents and the god-parents is required.					
For Marriage:	Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.					
Mass Schedule						
Our Lady of Lourd	es:					
	Saturday - 5:00) p.m.; Sunday - 7:00am & 10:30 a.m.				

m. Monday - 8:00 am; Tues 8:00 am Thursday 6:30 pm Friday - 8:00 a.m. Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception :

Sunday- 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-9:30 am on Tuesdays 7-8pm on Thursdays

Mon-2/27/12 8:00 am Fr. John's Intention Tue-2/28/12 Pearl Gale 8:00 am Wed-2/29/12 6:30 pm Fr. John's Intention Thurs-3/1/12 6:30 pm Fr. John's Intention Fri-3/2/12 8:00 am Fr. John's Intention Sat-3/3/12 5:00 pm Ruby Kemmer Sun-3/4/12 7:00 am For the People (OLL) 8:30 am For the People (Immaculate Conception) 10:30 am For the People (OLL)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Envelopes	2224				
Loose	307				
Special					
Other —Capital Improvements	270				
Immaculate Conception, Roberts					
Envelopes	820				

Thank You for your Gifts!

Week 73 of our Capital Campaign Pledge Drive

Received

Pledged

\$175,139.00

\$142,447.54 81 Families Participating

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers
Saturday, March 3 5:00 pm	Kaleb Cotter Giles Volker	Mary Fairfield Madonna Fletcher		Jerry Lynch Stan Alt
Sunday, March 4 7:00 am	Brooks Scmitt Claire Schmitt	Kathleen Reum		
Sunday, March 4 10:30 am	Hannah Kollross Allison Andreae	YOUTH MASS	Deacon Jeff	Bruce Killian Rob Schmitt

We Are Called To Share Our Time, Talent, & Treasure Looking for another way to share your treasure with Our Lady

of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception? If you have stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that you would like to donate, please consider gifting to Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception. Please also consider Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception when you review your Estate Plan and/or Will. For more information or assistance, contact Father John at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololgc.org



If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. John or Deacon Jeff prior to admission at

(217)784-4671.

Father John's Corner

LENT

"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works" (Heb 10:24)

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

On these pages, you will find a variety of suggestions and resources to support your Lenten practice, enhance your prayer, and embrace your baptismal commitment. (From Liturgical resources at <u>www.usccb.org</u>)

Catholicism Series today "HAPPY ARE WE: THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS" Hope to see you there

What is Totus Tuus?

"Totus Tuus ego sum et omnia mea tua sunt." Thus begins the episcopal motto of the late Holy Father, John Paul II: "I am totally yours, and all that I have is yours." With these words, John Paul II inspired and continues to inspire men and women from all over the world to entrust their lives completely to Jesus Christ through the Virgin Mary. Mary's total devotion to the will of the Father is the model for Totus Tuus, as it seeks to respond to John Paul II's urgent call for a "New Evangelization." We hope to instill these virtues in the young people.

The Mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for conversion, and a personal renewal within the context of a stronger prayer life. Through evangelization and catechesis, Totus Tuus seeks to foster openness to the sacrifices and blessings of the various Christian vocations. The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and young people. The result has been the formation of young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church's mission of evangelization. Totus Tuus seeks to foster openness to vocations in the young people we serve as well as among the teachers. This is accomplished by placing special emphasis on the importance and necessity of prayer, Eucharistic devotion, and Marian devotion, in addition to catechetical instruction and formation in the Catholic faith.

Totus Tuus will be June 9th through June 15th at Our Lady of Lourdes. Help make this year's Totus Tuus another success! Come to the 1st planning meeting at Fr. Kirk Hall on

Sunday, March 25th after 10:30 Mass.

Contact: Alyce 217-745-2411



HELP NEEDED: Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for an individual to assist Ed Gibbons with general light maintenance of the church, hall and rectory. Persons interested please contact Father John.

This Week in Our Parish:

Sun, Feb 26 at 5:00 pm: *Catholicism* series at Fr. Kirk Hall

Wed, Feb 29 at 7 pm: Parish Council Meeting

Fri, March 2 at 7 pm: Stations of the Cross led by Youth Group/First Grade

Sun, March 4

• 9 am: K of C pancake breakfast for all RE students during class time at the hall

• **5 pm** *Catholicism* series at Fr. Kirk Hall

Blessing of Soil and Seed Mass Sunday, March 4, 2012 Mass at 2:00 pm St. Edmund's Parish 219 E. Locust, Watseka

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 5, 2012 12:00 pm — 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Chruch Fellowship Hall 401 N. Church St, Gibson City

Sponsored by Gibson Area Hospital Auxiliary

For an appointment, please call **Susan at 784-8833 by 2/28/12**